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WICHITA, KANSAS, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23, 1897.

THIS IS THE LATEST ON THE ROCK ISLAND ROBBERY.

RINK HALE CAPTURED

REPUTED TO BE A BAD MAN OF TWENTY YEARS' EXPERIENCE.

SHERIFF MORRISON TAKES HIM IN

ASSISTED BY DEPUTIES MORBISON | Plead in Value For Delay in the Impending AND PATTERSON

After a Hot Fight at Close Range-Charge With the Bock Island Hold-Up-Jailed at Cloud Chief

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 22 .- (Special.)-The Eagle some time ago made mention that Al Jennings was not implicated in the Rock Island train robbery, and now it is a certain fact that he was not.

were searching the country for the socalled Jennings gang, Sheriff Neal Morrison, of Washita county, and Sheriff J. B. Nicholson, of Custer county, were quietly searching for the man who, they thought, did the act of robbing the train.

Yesterday your correspondent received the following news, which can be verified by referring it to any responsible man in Cloud Chief, this territory:

Rink Hale, one of the worst if not the most noted outlaws that has committed depredations in Oklahoma and Indian Territories for over twenty years, was captured by Sheriff D. N. Morrison and Deputies J. W. Morrison and W. Patterson last Tuesday near Oakdaie, O. T., after a terrible resistince, in which Hale shot at Sheriff Morrison's head twice at close range. The brave sheriff closed in on the desperado and with the assistance of his eputies, shackled and landed Hale in jail at Cloud Chief. The charges against Hale are murder, train robbery and horse stealing. It is said that there will be no lack of evidence against Hale, when he is brought up for trial. It is stated now for a certain fact that the Hale gang, instead of the Jennings boys, held up the Rock Island train between Minco and Chickasha some time

The people feel proud of Sheriff Morrison and his splendid record in breaking up outlaw gangs in that county. Such sheriffs as Neal Morrison and J. B. Nicholson are indispensible in newly settled countries, and the law-abiding ane should stand by them in their efforts to rid the country of outlaws.

Sheriff Nicholson took no part in this important capture, but arrived shortly atter Hale was overpowered and would have been on the ground but for information he received that the outlaw

would take a different road. The committees appointed at the board of trade meeting, held two weeks morrow (Thursday) night. El Reno has n board of trade she need not be ashamed of and the citizens of the city will assist it in building up the town. Everybody is cordially invited oo attend the meeting tomorrow evening.

The Eagle is receiving unstinted and well merrited praise for the manner in which it pleaced the great cotton parade of last Monday before its readers. It was the only metropolitan paper that chronicled the great event yesterday. Today all the other papers had the same news, several marked "special,"

Mrs. N. W. Perry, formerly of Wichfta, where she lived for a number of insted from the case. years on Central avenue, died at her home in this city this morning, after a long liness. Toe remaiss will be taken to Geuda Springs, Kan., tomorrow morning for interment

It would take a dozen men to keep track of all the wheat and cotton coming into this city in a day. The roads leading into the city from all points of the compass are rapidly wearing out from constant wear and tear. Where all the stuff comes from is a mystery but it gets here just the same. Prices are as good here as anywhere in Oklahoma. John McMahon, one of the old timers,

ame up from his large ranch today. He says his wheat looks fine, he having planted it right after harvest. He also states he will put his boys to work next week plowing for corn.

FOR STATEHOOD DELEGATES Kingfisher County Republicans Will Hold

a Convention January 8 Kingfisher, O. T., Dec. 22,-(Special.) -Chairman Dan W. Jones, of the Republican county central committee of Kingfisher county, has just issued a call for a county delegate convention of the Republicans of Kingfisher county, to be held in this city on Saturday, January \$, 1898, to elect founteen delegates to attend the statebood convention which

also meets here on January 13, 1898. The following is the apportionment of delegates to the townships and towns of this county: Altona 3, Cimarron 6, Cooper 3, Center 3, Excelsior 6, Grant 3, Hennssey township 6, Kingfisher townenip 6. Linn 4. Omege 2, Park 3, Reserve 3, Sherman 5, Banner 4, Columbia 4. Coronado 3, Downs 2, Forest 3, Henn-ssey city 6, Harrison 2, Lacey 7, Logan 3. Otter 4. River 4, Skeleton 2,

"Kingfisher City: First ward 2, Secend ward 4. Third ward 5, Fourth

"The primaries for the election of these delegates will be held, under the supervision of local committeemen, at the usual voting places on Tuesday, January 4, between the hours of 11 m.

end 2 o'clock p. m." AT THE ORATORICAL CONTEST T Cleveland County Will He Represented by

The oratorical contest to select a reprepentative of Cleveland county in the tereitorial oratorical contest to be held in the university chapel on Saturday night. which events he is entered

There were fifteen contestants. Miss GAGE TO GOMPERS Sallie Goode, of the East Side Norman public schools, was the winner, with Miss Myrtle Hartley of Norman, secand Miss Lora Williams of Lexingion, third.

Great interest is being taken in the ontemplated summer demester of the university, which begins May 2 and continues seventeen weeks. Already President Boyd is receiving inquiries conerning it, and the prospects of a very largely attended term are excellent. It is especially intended for those who teach during the winter and desire to attend school during the spring end summer. The expenses will be very low, and the course as thorough as at any other term.

The university adjourns on Thursday for the Christmas holidays, resuming work on Monday, January 3.

SIX CHEROKEE INDIANS

Judicial Change Washington, Dec. 22.-A delegation of six Cherokee Indians is in the city for the purpose of securing a delay in the date at which federal judicial jurisdiction is to be extended over the Indian Territory, which, under the act of congress, becomes effective January 1. Secretary Bliss told the delegation that although the government had the best interests of the Indians at heart, yet in the present case it could not accede to their wishes. Congress had adjourned for the holidays, and it was impossible While Deputy United States marshals to do anything in the line indicated without legislative sanction

GRAND MASQUERADE BALL Given in Wonderful Style by the Norman

Norman, O. T., Dec. 22 .- (Special.)-A grand masquerade ball was given in the Red Men's hall in this city tonight Oklahoma City. Kinge, princess, queens and clowns, jostled each other, and some of the costumes were very handsome. A splendid banquet was served at the Hotel Agnes at 12 o'clock.

GOT HIS TROUSERS BACK

"Butch" Harris Receives a Call From the Norman, O. T., Dec. 22,-(Special.)his watch and \$18 stolen from him by sneak thieves Monday night. He had the money in a sack which he put in his pants pocket when he closed up Monday night and went to his room. He forgot to lock his bedroom door, and during the night the thief entered, took his watch from his vest pocket and carried away the trousers, which Harris found the next morning at the bottom of the stairs, minus the money. There is no clue to the thief.

EITHER DEATH OR ACQUITTAL

Jury, Now Out on the Cook Anderson Case, so Instructed Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22.-The trial of John Anderson, cook of the schooner Olive Pecker, for the murder of Mate Saunders, was concluded today, and the case went to the jury at 5:20 o'clock this afternoon. The court has adjourned until tomorrow morning.

The general impression is that a vercharged in the indictment. Under the ruling of the court, the jury must either find Anderson guilty as charged in the or not guilty. There can be no verdict of manslaughter.

The prisoner was dramatic to the last, Just before the district attorney concluded his closing argument, telling the jury that if Anderson had been innocent he would have adopted another course, the accused man sprang to his feet, saying: to be forcibly pulled back into his chair

by the court bailiff. The morning was consumed in the hearing of arguments on instructions, the district attorney contending that there was no evidence whatever to justify the plea of self-defense, before the

The defense claimed that the court in charge should instruct the jury to consider the hypothesis of mansiaughter as My present conviction, the honest fruit well as murder.

Judge Goff charged the jury at some duced to lessen the grade of the crime, and the virdict must be as charged in the indictment. If the jury should discover any rational hypothesis whereby they could, with the evidence before them, find any excuse for the crime, the verdict must be an acquittal.

Arguments began at 2 o'clock, District Attorney White speaking for an hour and a half in opening. Mr. McIntosh, for the defense, spoke only three-quarters of an hour. He commented upon the failure of the government to prove a motive for the murder, saying the only motive there could have been was selfdefense. The government's witnesses, he said, in trying to swear the blame from themselves, had made a scapegoat

of the accused. FOUR BURGLARS OUT OF FIVE.

Captured by a Connecticut Yankee

and Jailed. Canasa, Conn., Dec. 22.-Four burglars of a gang of five were captured by Martin Rood in Jackson and Eggleston's store here early this morning. Rood, who sleeps in the store, was awakened by the movements of the men, and by prompt use of his revolver, wounded two of the burgiars and marched four of hem, including one of those whom he had shot, into a room and locked the door. The other wounded man was helpless. The fifth member of the gang escaped. Rood fired his revolver until renforcements came and his prisoners were conducted to the lock-up. The long. If this is done the useue will be wounded men are Percy St. Clair, shot raised and the public will know the facts. in the back, and J. C. Davis, shot in the

right thigh. Madrid, Dec. 22.-The chamber will be dissolved on January 20, next, and the elec-tions for the new house will be held on February 20. The date for re-assembling is

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 22.-John E. Mad-den has purchased of Thomas C. McDow-Miss Saille Goode ell the bay colt David Garrick, for \$1.00.

Norman, O. T., Dec. 21.—(Special.)— David Garrick is by Hanover, Unm Peg Woffington, by Langfellow. Besides the money consideration, McDowed is to have a percentage of the colt's winnings abould he be lucky enough to get money in the El Remo on December 31, was held at Matron and Futurity stakes, in both of

ADDRESSES A LETTER REGARDING THE GOLD STANDARD.

Wherein There is Not so Much Particularly Relating to the Gold Stundard, But Rather, Mr. Gage, While Not Claiming to Know All About Finance, Does Claim, A'beit Very Politely and With Due Consideration For Opposing Opinlons, That Mr. Gompers Knows Nothing at All About It

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Gage going in opposite directions. has written the following letter to President Gompers of the Federation of La-

"I have read with care the resolutions adopted the 20th instant, at Nashville, by the convention of the Federation of Labor, which recite as follows:

"Resolved, That we declare ourselves most positively opposed to the Gage financial bill, recently introduced in congress by the secretary of the treasury. It is a measure that, if adopted as a law, will only the more firmly rivet the gold standard on the people of the country and perpetuate its disastrous effects in every form.

"Resolved. That we pronounce the Gage bill as an undisguised effort to retire our greenback currency and ali government paper money, with a view to the substitution of national bank notes oping an inclination to invite some other in their stead, and thus fasten the national bank system for years upon the American people."

ard-by which things have been meas-ured as to price for the last sixty years waited for the day when parties would diby the Norman Dancing club. Fifty in this country, is inimical to the intercouples were present, a number being used as to price for the last state with solely on national questions, and when couples were present, a number being classes of the United the old sectional issues growing and the other, either through false weights, partial laws or a bad monetary system, can be made to work for the permanent ben-puising with its blood, joins hands with efit of the exploiting class itself, or for the general weal, even were it defensible on any ground of right or justice, which but in a land pervaded with equal devo-it is not. Granted, therefore, that the tion to what its people believed is the truit is not. Granted, therefore, that the King Harris, A. O. McGill's butcher, had permanence of the gold standard (for which I argue) operates in this evil direction, then your resolutions of condemnation are well founded, and I am justly charged either with an ignorance which constitutes me a foolish adviser

makes me an evil adviser. is nothing in my whole life, as related to my fellow-men, either in word or deed, from which the possession by me of such characteristics can be inferred, much less demonstrated.

"But ignorance unconsciously works ought not to classify me as separate from my fellow men generally, whether where between extremes. they be considered as individual units dict will be reached in a comparatively absolutely wise. Nor does the number ity to determine the wisest economic policy to whether it should be peace or war since few are totally ignorant, and none

"This remains true, whether the subject matter involving knowledge and judgment be astronomy, physics or finsion of questions relating to monetary sion of great wisdom "I am innocent, Mr. White," and had science held by the wises; men who supported them.

"Laying these grounds aside, let me say to you, and through you to the great body you so honorably represent, that if instead of denunciatory resolutions. which are not argument, you or any one on your behalf will show that the views tent of manshaughter must be elim. I entertain and advocate are other than salutary to the great economic body of which we are all independent members, break-down in our present money standength and with great fairness, instruct- and would be a most disastrous blow to prisoner guilty, nothing had been intro- ests, end that upon the wage workers, as a class, would be entailed the most serione effects of this disaster. Believing this, I must so bear witness."

WOLCOTT MAY RESIGN In Disgnest With the Financial Attitude

of the Administration New York, Dec. 22.-The World today mints the following special dispatch from

The exclusive publication in the World of pater Welcott's threat to resign from the United States senate created a sensation here in political circles.

While many believe that his indignation

may sufficiently cool to prevent the actual relinquishment of his seat, all agree that his return to the advocacy of free and inlimited silver coinage is certain.

The position in which Senator Welcott

is placed is well understood by all those who realize the peculiar skuation which has developed with respect to the admin-istration and the monetary commission of which the Colorado schator is chairman. Either President McKinley and Secretary Gage are at variance, or Senator Welott and his sympathizers are utterly eived as to the president's attitude. Mr Wolcott has since his return from Europe talked long and earnestly with the president and yet he defends the president while trking a position of open antagonism to

sympathizers that Secretary Gage misrepresents the administration and that if it were not for the political disturbance it suld cause Mr. Gage might retire from the cabinet.

This assertion, which is now made privately, is likely to be made publicly before The result will be that Mr. Wolcott will of the president and will then dramatically unce his indignation at the administra-The president can hardly be in sympathy with both Secretary Gage and the Colorado senator, as Gage stands simply for gold and Wolcott for silver alone.

As things are now tending, the provident will probably have to break with one of derstood by the leaders of his purcy and

persons closest ti him, the break will not be with the secretary of the treasury. The committee room of Senator Wolcory was today besieged by those desiring a con- ought to begiven a year, and if he did firmation or denial of the authentic state

less the president's indersement of Secre-resignation to the governor of his state untary Gage's financial plans should be less

lirect and pronounced.

No satisfactory information was given those inquiries. Without making a defi-nite statement Senator Wolcott left the city and will not return until Thursday.

The other silver Rejublicans are abs

Senator Carter is in New York, Senator Pettigrew is on the way to his home in South Dakota, Senator Chandler, who first predicted a split in the Republican party Senator Wolcott, has gone to New Hamp-

Senator Teller will not discuss the ques-tion officeting his colleague. He foresaw the inevitable break. President McKinley, he thinks, can not long ride two horses

NOT BY CALLING THEM CRAZY

Can Western Silver Men Be Convinced New York, Dec. 22-Senator Wolcott of Colorado, in an address tonight at the festival of the New England society, began with a humorous reference to the po resignation with which the exiles from New England bore their banishment; then spoke of an alleged desire of the Sanadian government to acquire the state of Maine and portions of New Hampshire and Verment in exchange for territory in western Canada. Berious thought on the subject of a possible cession of a part of New England, Mr. Wolcott said, brought "a realization of what it would mean to this people to face the possibility of changing by the shadow of a hair the contour of these states or the sacrifice of a chip of its native granite, however barren."

He continued:
"Not only does this sentiment pervade the land, but we seem at times to be develcountry to differ with us in order that we may demonstrate our united aggressive

"Now if it be true that the gold stand-States—then I think it is inimical to all the war and the race problem would be classes. In other words, I do not believe buried. The time came. The parties met that the exploitation of one class by an- on a broad economic question, and lo, we emerge from the contest threatened the south. The new alignment is not only debtor against creditor, class against class, est welfare of the country, great majorities in one section equally great majorities in another.

"The west is not decadent; its views are of men virile, industrious and genuine, and their beliefs are honest. They would scorn eny sort of evasion of an obligation. They or with a perversity of motive which are patriotic men. There is in the whole far west hardly a northerner born who was "I have a right to disavow the charge | old enough to go to the war upon whom of perversity or evil purpose, since there you will not see on Decoratin day wearing proudly the badge of his old corps. They are Americans; to a proportion greater, far greater, than in the east, native-born American citizens. The views they cherish are held with practical unanimity

So universal a feeling as that which pervades the great west can not all be as deep injury as evil intent might do. wrong. You can not dispose of a convic-and to this sin of ignorance, if it be a tion held by millions of intelligent people sin, I must confess myself to be a possi- by calling it a craze, and some day you ble victim. This confession, however, may find it worth your while to look for ought not to classify me as separate the truth where it is usually hid assome-

"Somnehow it is not really recognized in or as congregated in groups. Ignorance ern rallroad and swell its stock and securiis a relative, not an absolute, term, ties several millions every time it is foreconstituting the group change this fact. for the farmer who lives along the right with Germany. China regards Russia since the wiedom of a group, however of way. And men who would no more only friend and is asking her advice since the wiedom of a group, nowever of the since the since the wiedom of a group, nowever of dream of entrusting their banker with the slone. In spite of official denials it is large, cannot be greater than that of dream of entrusting their banker with the slone. In spite of official denials it is than they would of entrusting the man of whom they bought a shotgun with the command of the armies of their country are naturally inclined to fear that in this ance. The condemnation, then, involv- part of the moral vineyard there is a tened in the resolutions referred to is meas- dency to assume that the possession of ured by the just or imperfect apprehen- great wealth means necessarily the posses- with Russia. The latter demands the

"It is only a few years ago that New England was 'uncor west which her sons had so largely peopled and her resources, lavishly ventured, had done so much to develop. Perhaps they are only supersensitive westerners who fancy they see in certain quarters a subtle change, an inclination to criticize, an inability to find much to commend and a tendency to look still further to the eastward for methods and ideals fit to follow. I hope it is all a mistake. Contentand it can never come except under con ditions which bear equally on the whole people. Only the other day a cabinet officer came over here to enlighten one of your great commercial bodies, and, with ing them that if they should find the all our commercial and industrial inter- a gifted Chicago imagination, quoted Walt Whitman, told you how our fathers, when George the Third, was king, 'dashed the cup from their lips,' a precedent I am glad to see has not been followed at this dinner, and talked 'obstruction' at Washington, having reference to the senate. It is rather a new use of the term to call a man who does not vote as you want him to an obstructionist, and in the last hundred years the balance and check upon hasry legislation which the deliberations of the

nite advantage to the country. "The century now ending hos been full It says with reference to the demand for of growth and glory. It has witnessed the the dismissal of the English engineers; republic rise from insignificance and povto wealth and greatness. us here tonight can recall the dark days people emerge triumphant, a nation of freedom, all free. A continent's width may dicide us, but the same flag greets us at the dawn, the forty-five stars all blazoned alike on its saure field, all yours and all ours. In days of peace, as in time of war, the altar of patriotism is an altar of sacrifice, and, please God, we will start the aden with the hope and aspirations of a

WANTED THE CZAR KILLED

Two Rossian Assassinationists in Bow

Street Palles Court London, Dec. 22.-Viadimir Bourtzoff, edor of the Nero de Voletz, (will of the the British museum and remanded at Bow street police court on December 16, charged with endeavoring to persuade seven persons on several occasions to assausinate the exar, was brought up on remand to-day in company with the man named Welrzbeck, printer of the paper mentioned, who had subsequently been arrested. An incriminating article in the Naro de Voietz was produced in court. In it the

writer declared that the policy of the Russian revolutionists was the same as that of the terrorists of twenty years ago and pointed out that Czar Nicholas had already hree years at a period when the revo iutionists' campaign ought to be summed up in the word "regicide." Portemouth, Dec. 22-The German "If he had been assassinated on the day

article continues. would have broken out or a liberal or tution would have been declared. A new autocrat, according to the write

THOUGH UNCLE SAM HAS MUCH AT STAKE IN CHINA.

Will Hold Aloof While Robber Natio Europe Rend the Celestial Empir Pieceweal, Only Seeing That America Interests Are Safe-Uttomaces of Prisces and People of Europe More Sig nificant Dally-England Helpless and With China, Would Welcome Yanke

Vienna, Dec. 22.-The Deutsche Zei-

tung says: "The United Setates, which from its geographical position, has a greater in terest in the opening up of China toan all European powers together, cannot possibly consent to its partition or to a division into spheres of influence without having a voice in the matter. It would be a great mietake to under-estimate the strength of the United States; and a partition of China would be impossible without America's approval and

"The European powers will do well to give timely attention to the just aspirations and interests of the United States"

participation.

Washington, Dec. 22.-It is understood that the authorities here have been un officially counded as to the attitude of the United States toward the complications in the far east, with a view to learning whether American interests in China were regarded as sufficient to warrant any active step by this govern

It is well understood that Great Britain would look with favor on any active step by the United States which would serve as a check for the advances of Germany and Russia. The British interests in China are ten times greater than those of Germany, Russia and the United States and yet, with Germany and Russia firmly located on Chinese soil, Great Britain is left in a sort of cul de sac. It is known also that the Chinese authorities would welcome a movement by the United States and that this has been communicated to officials here. Although these soundings, for they amount to nothing more as yet, have not taken official form, they have been sufficient to gain a pretty general understanding as to the attitude of this gov-

This, in brief, is that the United States has no interest in territorial extension fit not only to the government in the now going on in China; that she will not land at any of the coast ports of China, as Germany and Russian have done, Mr. Rockwell has talked about his plan and that her only concern is to guard established American interests in China.

CONCESSIONS TO RUSSIA. Pekin, Dec. 22.-The Chinese governwinter a squadron at Port Arthur, Great Britain demands a quid pro quo, if coners. It has been suggested that the Japanese and British occupy Wei Hai

The situation at Kian-Chou is unclosed necessarily indicates an equal abil- and the Chinese councils are divided as Russia by a secret treaty. British in-fluence is nil, having suffered greatly tions. China is now negotiating a loan eers in North China and it is probable that it will be granted. The German drill instructors will be dismissed at the the armies of North China.

LONDON COMMENT.

London, Dac. 22.-The correspondent of on the bonds, 21-2 per cent. "The Chinese are provisioning Port Arthur and will re-construct the forts hence. China has accepted the proposi- the community in which they reside

The Times, in an editorial on the situ ation sarcastically asks whether the German press, including a Russo-German entente in China, and Emperor William, in his speech at Gaudez, anticipated Russia's demand for the removal of the German drill sergeants from the army

"Our Pekin correspondent says China Is healtating, and possibly we may be able to appeal to motives at Pekin which will strengthen China's disinclination to comply with the Russian request for the dismissal of the Britishers."

ST. PETERSBURG'S TEMPER. St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.-The greatest reticence is maintained here in government circles. The censor has forbidden the press to attack Germany on account of the occupation of Klao-Chau.

Emperor Nicholas presided today (Wed nesday) at a special meeting of the council at Alexander palace, including the grand duke and the chief military and naval authorities. The Chinese si pation was discussed; and it is rumored that the Grand Duke Alexander Michael people), the Russian who was arrested at joyitch advised the immediate strength ening of the Russian squadron in China.

WILLIAM'S NEIGHBOR. Berlin, Dec. 21-Emperor William while visiting Grandez yesterday even ing, said to the burgomaster:

"My salicitude for your town aims a seeing it more fully equipped as a fortstand any pressure in the future, I hope however, that it may never happen, for friend of mine, and has the same political viewe as myself."

PRINCE HENRY IS OFF.

omirand of Prince Henry of Prussia, started today for Gibraitar. Washington, Dec. 22-It is understo that Leander P. Mitchell of Indiana wo soon be appointed assistant comptroller the treasury in place of Mr. Powers, re-

BULLETIN OF

Wichita, Thursday, December 23, 1897 Weather for Wichita today: Fair: colder; no

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TO PAY PENSIONERS

eticat Manufacturer Proposes Quit-Claim the Nation's Debt New York, Dec. 22 .- The Press says: W. F. Rockwell, a prominent manufacturer of Meriden, Conn., has in view the presentation of a bill in congress towards the funding of the pension appropriation. This bill, according to Mr. Rockwell, promises to be of great benesaving of many millions of dollars, but to the vast army of pensioners also. to President McKinley, Secretary Bliss, members of the ways and means committee and to pension officials, all of whom, he says, think well of it but they | ing in the field for Cuban liberty. have not decided yet how it would be

received by the country. Pensioners who have been approach-

entirely practical. whereas, as a matter of fact the great are not based on the ab mortgages bearing interest enywhere treason. have already been appointed to drill thus saving to them the differences between the lowest rate of interest in bear on him. any state, 6 per cent, and the interest

"This would relieve them from their present entanglements. There are, in man in the United States. This promiround numbers, about 956,660 persons on ment person is to come here and on the there, Russia furnishing the money. In the pension rolls and to those who are return to the states is to declare that the face of these indications of perma- not owners of farms the payment of autonomy is an accomplished fact, that nent occupation, the necessity of sufe- the entire amount, which, according to proce is firmly established, and other guarding our position in the far east is my table, would be due them, would enincreasing. The Russo-Chinese bank, able many of them to start in business which is the agent of the Russian gov- and this in itself would put into circula- General Lee were not here to tell the ernment, has offered to China 120,000 tion a large amount of money that truth. And, by the bye, I very shuch Borden rifles, with payment five years | would inure to the henceft nix only of fear that if this gentleman (Lee) does

but to the country. "It would also be a great saving to plenes." the government in the matter of salaries and expenses, since it would do away with the pension office machinery while the only expense the governmen of the bonds. It would also do away with pension attorneys, who receive from pensioners a good share of the money paid out for them."

Mr. Rockwell has no interest in this bill, he says, beyond the benefit which would accrue to the government and pensioners by its adoption. He thinks the pension roll is becoming a greater incubus upon the treasury each year and that anomer or later, something must be done with it. He believes his idea in a great measure will relieve the strain.

While viewing his plan in a favorable light, Mr. Rockwell admits that it open for discussion and invites criti-

Washington, Dec. 21-Commissioner entire list of persons who draw pensions from the government. He expects that party relieved the monotony of the tree a bill for this purpose will be intro- by singing and it was not until the duced in congress when it re-nasembles in January. A recommendation that a gine was seen by the driver. The driver ist be published was made by the com- struck his bornes sharply with his whip missioner in his annual report, as he and they leaped forward, then slopped expressed the bellef that it would be abruptly as the gate closed on the other particularly valuable for the use of the side of the track.

special examiners in the field. granted, etc., so that it is not of practical use at this time.

The Elinois supreme court has decided that only the five heads of departments in Chicago are not amenable to the civil service law. The decision spperently relifies a large number of official appointments made by Mayor Carter H. Harrison, when he accreeded eg-

The Wichita Baily Eagle CONGOSTO THE FIEND

NO. 32

PLAYS MEPHISTO TO BLANCO'S WILLING PAUST.

HAS THREE SCHEMES

FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF SPAIN'S DIABOLICAL DESIGNS.

EMISSARY SENT TO NEW YORK

TO JOIN A FILIBUSTERING FORCE AND LEARN CUBA'S SECRETS.

Horrible Plot to Set Filtal Love Against Patriotism-Wante a Hired Man in the United States

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.-The Press toerrow will publish a sensational letter written to a resident of this city by s "distinguished resident" of Havana, whose name is withheld for obvious

reasons. The letter says, in part: "You know that the policy of General Blanco has always been a combination of bribery and assessination. You will not be surprised, therefore, at what is to follow. The information has been given to me by a Cuban who, owing to the autonomist force, holds a position in

the councils of the captain general. "The friend tells me that Dr. Congosto, who is the Machinvelli of General Bianco, has several schemes in store, but the most important ones, those that will give you a clearer insight into the ethods of pacification that the Span-

lards intend, are the following: "The first scheme is most important. Dr. Congosto has sent an emissary to New York. I do not know his name. He is a tall man, with full beard, black eyes and a marked Spanish accent, though I am not sure of his nationality. He probably started for New York. where he hopes to join one of the fillthrough the pension committee looking bustering expeditions and reach the army under Gomez. He is to find out the depots of arms and the hospitals. When an occasion presents itself he is to murder General Gomez. His recompense for all these services will be some thousands of dollars.

"My trouble is to understand where they will get the money. "The second scheme is with reference

to overtures to be made to those fight-"You know as well as I do the old man Jose Roban, and you temember an well as I do that in the former uprised by Mr. Rockwell on the subject also ings be showed himself to be a Spanthink well of the idea and are inclined hard of the Spaniards. Now his son, to view it in a favorable light. He has Luis, is the leader commanding the consulted also numerous bankers, com- insurgent brigade in Sagua. For this mercial men and life insurance crime the father was expatriated and hanged. Germany remains unyielding actuaries, who approve the scheme and sent from Sagua to Havana, where he admit its feasibility, believing it to be now resides. Dr. Congosto knows that General Genez has issued a proclams-"It has long been an idea of congress," tion ordering every leader to see that said Mr. Rockwell, in speaking of his all emferaries who may present themed as proved that Port Arthur plan, "mat pensioners are dependent, selves with propositions of peace that bulk of them are independent. Thouse dence of the island shall be sentenced to ands of them are owners of farms in death. He further adds that all tefracthe west which are mortgaged, the flow of this order shall be considered from 8 to 12 per cent. My idea is to celved the idea of sending the father to dismissal of the British railroad engin- issue negotiable bonds to the pension- the son with propositions looking teers or to pay them the cash at their ward autonomy, thus placing the eyn option, to cover the amount they would in the position of either shooting his receive from the government, based on father or being himself decisted a expiration of their contracts and will be life insurance expectancy. This would irraiter. The poor old man refused, but replaced by Russians. Russian officers enable them to pay off these mortgages, I know not how long he may withstand the pressure that is being brought to

> "The last scheme is as follows: curs the services of some prominent foolsh things, as if this could alter the not take his departure in good time he is running the risk of being blown to

ON A GHADE CROSSING Twenty l'enpie in a Big Stage Injured in a

New York, Dec. 21.-Twenty persons were injured, inter perhaps fitally, at a grade crossing on the Delaware, Lackswanns and Western rallroad, between Passaic and Delaware, N. J., tenight. They were in a stage which was stru by a train. That any of them escaped is

Those most seriously burt are: William Crane, driver; arm and eboulder broken; injured internally, probably William Moran, head and body badly

ut; skull believed to be fractured Charles S. Swenkle; skull fractured; face cut, and injured internally,

Nellie Washdyke; arm broken; bead All the victims are employed in Wothern and Aldrigh's mills at Delawans, about two miles from Passaic. They ride to and from their work in a big opvered Mage. There were thirty-six persons growded into the stage tonight. The horses were on the tracks that the en-

The locometive struck the stage at In 1882, the bureau published a list of most in the middle, burling il several pensioners, but since that time there feet ahead, then struck it again, throwhas been many additions to and elim- ing it from the track. With the second inations from it, besides additions blow of the lootmotive the erapents

> Kateta City, Dec. II.-Thomas Myland a town tough, was inday found guilty of killing David Pitagoraid, and se ten years in the pententiary. A year and Hyland was tried for killing a posinc, whom he had struck with his fat in graticks for another man. He was annu ted and two weeks after his release killed Fireforn'd, an unaffending men, else with

were scattered in all directions.